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Pineville, La. (January 3, 2013) – Every winter the Sandstone Trail, located on the Kisatchie Ranger District, of Kisatchie National Forest (KNF) closes to off-highway vehicle (OHV) usage. The multiple-use trail will close on Monday, January 7th and re-open on Sunday, April 28th when OHVs may resume activities. Motor biking, horseback riding and hiking are still available to forest visitors. KNF is home to over 400 miles of trails with 200 of those miles dedicated to OHV/ATV use.

The Sandstone Trail is one of the most popular destinations on the KNF for outdoor enthusiasts. Kisatchie District Ranger Mike Dawson explains, "The 36 mile long Sandstone Trial continues to be very popular, whether using an OHV, horse or simply hiking. The varied terrain, with unexpected hills, hollows and vistas, is a rare treat in central Louisiana." Closing the trail to OHV use allows KNF crews the opportunity to not only work on general maintenance of the trail but also make improvements such as bridge approachments and hardening creek crossings.

For more information about the Sandstone Trail closure for maintenance or the Kisatchie National Forest trail system contact the Forest Supervisor's Office at (318) 473-7160.